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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of iron ore mines functioning in the country at present;

(b) whether most of them are not modernized so far;

(c) if so the details thereof and the reasons therefore;

(d) whether there is any proposal for modernisation of all these iron ore mines; and

(e) if so, by when these are likely to be modernised?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) has reported that during 2002-2003 the total number of reporting iron ore mines in India is 225 (provisional).

(b) & (c): Indian Bureau of Mines has reported that there are 63 mechanized mines and 162 other than mechanized mines. The decision of mechanization / automation i.e. modernisation of a mine is a commercial decision which is taken by individual mining companies.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.